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# 5 Executed By Castro as 'In U.S. Pay'

## 64 Get Up to 30 Yrs. For Invasion Aid

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HAVANA.

A firing squad executed five more Cubans in La Cabana fortress yesterday, within hours after a Castro war crimes court convicted them as "counter-revolutionaries" in the pay of the United States.

Sixty-four other defendants, including a British subject, were sentenced to jail terms of up to thirty years in the biggest mass trial this year of alleged enemies of Premier Fidel Castro's revolution.

The trial opened Friday morning and was over at 3 a. m. yesterday. The court sentenced six defendants to death but an appeal tribunal commuted the sentence of one—Rafael E. Garcia Rubio—to thirty years imprisonment.

The five others went "to the wall" a short time later. They were Pedro Cuellas, Alonso, Jorge Rojas Castellanos, Angel Posada Gutierrez, Braulio Contreras Maso and Manuel Blanco Navarro.

All the defendants were ar-

rested in the roundup following the abortive Pig's Bay invasion attempt last April.

They were accused of having been "organized, trained, paid and directed" by the United States Central Intelligence Agency (C. I. A.) to carry out anti-government activities.

Sentenced to prison for thirty years was Robert M. Geddes, twenty-nine, born in Peru of British parents, and representative of a foreign soft drink company (Pepsi-Cola) in Cuba. The prosecution accused him of being a "link" between the United States State Department, the C. I. O. and the anti-Castro movement in Cuba.

In Boca Raton, Fla., his

wife, Marjorie, burst into tears at the news of his sentence and was unable to talk to newsmen. The Associated Press reported. She had cabled Premier Castro earlier that "I am sure my husband's only crime is being married to an American citizen. I offer myself in exchange for him."

Thirteen other defendants also drew thirty year terms while forty were sentenced to twenty years. Nine were sentenced to nine-year jail terms and one Cuban was acquitted.

The defendants, including sixteen women, had been held without charge in Cabana cells since their arrest.

Firing squads already had executed twenty persons this month, 111 this year and 944 since Castro came into power in January 1959.

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British Embassy's Stand

The British Embassy said yesterday all possible diplomat-

ic steps are being taken in the case of Robert M. Geddes, a British citizen reported sentenced to thirty years in prison by a military court in Cuba.

"The British embassy in Havana has been interested in this case all along and everything which can be done is being done, and the appropriate representations have been made to the Cuban government," said a spokesman for the embassy.